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SUBJECT: GATT WP'S ON FINLAND-EAST EUROPEAN TRADE AGREEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 156737; B. USEC BRUSSELS 5918

1. WE AND EC HAVE AGAIN ASKED WP CHAIRMAN EASTERBROOK-SMITH
SEEK AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND AND EE COUNTRIES TO HAVE WP'S
TAKEN IN ORDER OF SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS. HE NOT SANGUINE RE
OUTCOME BUT AGREED TRY AGAIN.

2. LUYTEN OF EC COMMISSION REPORTS EC AGREES THAT NONE OF
WP'S SHOULD REACH FINAL CONCLUSIONS DURING FIRST ROUND OF
MEETINGS. HE WISHES MAKE IT CLEAR THAT EC IS PROPOSING
STRATEGY LISTED IN PARA 1(C) OF REFTEL (B), I.E., THAT U.S.,
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EC, POSSIBLY OTHERS, AGREE IN ADVANCE THAT WE FIND EXCUSE

EARLY IN EXAMINATION HUNGARY AGREEMENT--IN WHATEVER ORDER IT MAY OCCUR--TO STOP AND REFER QUESTIONS TO CAPITALS, WHEREUPON WE PROCEED TO EXAMINE OTHER TWO AGREEMENTS IN GREATER DEPTH. OBJECT IS PREVENT WP ON FINLAND-HUNGARY AGREEMENT FROM SETTING TONE FOR OTHER TWO, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS TAKEN FIRST. AT SOME LATER STAGE WHEN FINAL CONCLUSIONS BEING CONSIDERED, THIS COULD ALSO HELP DELAY HUNGARY CONCLUSIONS UNTIL LAST. EC SUGGESTS WE JOINTLY APPROACH JPANA, CANADA, POSSIBLY OTHERS TO JOIN IN THIS STRATEGY.

3. WE INDEED SEE DANGER THAT RELATIVELY SIMPLER HUNGARY AGREEMENT, TAKEN IN WHATEVER ORDER, COULD AFFECT TONE OF BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WPS. BOTH OF THESE EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND ON OWN MERITS WITHOUT FALLOUT INTIMIDATION FROM HUNGARY WP. ULTIMATE AIM IN DELAY WOULD NOT, CONVERSELY, BE TO PURSUE ANY DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS FOR HUNGARY AGREEMENT THAN WE WOULD NORMALLY BE INCLINED SEEK. DIFFICULT GAUGE WHETHER OTHERS WOULD BE WILLING JOIN IN THIS APPROACH. CERTAINLY JAPAN IN EARLIER ROMANIA TARIFF WP SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER ROLE OF STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES IN GATT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATIONS WHETHER DEPT. AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH. DALE

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